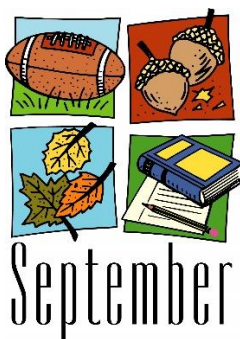


2020



Celebration Time

10:00 AM Sundays

Livestream Devotionals

7:00 PM Wednesdays

9:00 AM Fridays

*"We are God's
People Sharing the
Love of Christ!"*

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www.fumcgreeley.org

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office@fumcgreeley.org

Welcome back to church!

That statement might seem a bit odd because, as you know, we have had church every week online. Yet, there is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together as the church! Especially when it's been many weeks since we met together in our Sanctuary!

We haven't met to worship in-person for five months. For Pastor and Staff here at FUMC of Greeley, this building has felt quite empty every time we walk through it. We have missed the sounds of praise echo in the Sanctuary. We have also missed the voices of our children, youth, and adults as we fellowship and worship together.

When something is taken away that we have enjoyed for years like church, we begin to realize what a tremendous blessing it is in our lives! The Apostle Paul said, *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* (Hebrews 10:25)

As we move closer to the coming of the Lord, we must keep our focus of seeing souls won into the Kingdom of Christ. I believe it's also vital that we, as believers, meet together for worship and fellowship as we learn more about walking in the love of God.

Our world needs the message the church has to offer. Andrae' Crouch wrote a beautiful song by the title "Jesus is the Answer" years ago. The message of that song is needed today.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

*Jesus is the Answer for the world today,
Above Him there's no other, Jesus is the Way,
Jesus is the Answer for the world today,
Above Him there's no other, Jesus is the Way!*

I encourage you to be a person full of grace as we gather again. There are many different beliefs (and perhaps convictions) about the "way things should be", yet can we be a people who will "major on the majors"? In other words, remember the essential thing is that we draw closer to Christ than ever before.

To be filled with grace in this context would mean that we refrain from being critical of others because their thought process is different than ours. Some aren't ready to return to in-person worship, and that's just fine! Others are ready to start hugging and shaking hands immediately, yet we ask that you refrain from that for just a while. That's especially difficult for the "huggers" in our midst! Please follow the guidelines that we have offered to help us. We will do our absolute best to make sure we are in a safe, yet welcoming environment - both for people AND the presence of God!

Thank you for giving your leadership an extra dose of grace during this time as well.

We are excited to have you back!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Sione

STAFF

Rev. Sione Tukutau

Senior Pastor

Kathy Trevino

Director of Operations

Nikki Barrios

Director
Family Ministries

Jacob Aychman

Director
Chancel Choir

Carlos Salazar

Director
Praise Team

Connie Long

Director
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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU July 2020

Conference Apportionment	\$ 500.00
Communication	\$ 1,559.74
Personnel	\$ 148,176.53
Education	\$ 524.22
Caring and Evangelism	\$.00
Membership Activity	\$ (20.00)
Worship	\$ 99.98
Board of Trustees	\$ 45,699.61
Administration	\$ 6,846.06
Finance	\$ 690.69
Youth/College	\$ (6.24)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 204,070.59
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU July	\$ 231,575.15
	\$ 27,504.56 **

** Thanks to your continued contributions and the addition of the PPP loan we have been able to keep our financials in good shape.

Don't forget to sign up for King Soopers rewards program!

Follow these easy steps to sign up:

1. You will need to have an online account with King Soopers. Go to kingsoopers.com and follow the steps to create a new account. You will need your Loyalty Card to do this.
2. Once you are logged into your account go to the left side of your screen. You will see several options regarding your account. The 6th option down should say "Community Rewards." Click on this.
3. In the middle of the screen you should see "Find an Organization." Type in **BY112**. This will take you directly to the church link. Make sure it says First United Methodist Church, 917 10th Ave, Greeley.
4. Click enroll.
5. After clicking enroll you will see "Donation Summary" Status Currently Enrolled.
6. You are done! Now use your Loyalty Card every time you check out and the church receives a donation.

If you have any questions or need any help, please call me, or stop by the church office.

GIVING DURING COVID-19

As we move forward with virtual committee meetings and live streaming services and devotionals, we continue finding new ways to be The Church. Your contributions are still needed to keep the building in good shape for our return when it is safe to do so, as well as to continue being Christ's hands and feet in these strange times. If you are able, your contributions can be mailed to the church (917 10th Ave, Greeley 80631) or made online from our website: fumcgreeley.org

Thank you, FUMC Finance Committee



Birthday Blessings

Help us celebrate the birthdays of our church members who are 80 years old or older.

Hana Sameshima	9/11	94 yrs.
Rosie Jelden	9/11	87 yrs.
Lois Satterlee	9/13	86 yrs.
Peggy Pormen	9/16	83 yrs.
Jeannie Merriman	9/19	88 yrs.
Joann Truitt	9/20	89 yrs.
Al Dorsey	9/20	88 yrs.
Pearl Ann Adams	9/23	86 yrs.
Gene Hammer	9/25	80 yrs.
Sue Kropf	9/28	83 yrs.

Dale & Flo Mikkelson	9/01	58 yrs.
Don & Raylene Shively	9/05	56 yrs.
Jerry & Lynette Wassemiller	9/06	51 yrs.
Doug & Lila Austin	9/07	51 yrs.
Ed & Wanda Stromberger	9/25	71 yrs.



Miriam Lee	8/03/2020
Darrell Rains	8/07/2020



ON-LINE DEVOTIONALS



Pastor Sione continues holding 2 online devotionals weekly: Wednesday nights at 7:00PM and Friday mornings at 9:00AM. You can join these live stream devotionals by going to the church's Facebook page: facebook.com/fumcgreeleyco OR go to our website www.fumcgreeley.org and click on the Facebook icon at the top right corner of the home page. No Facebook account is needed.

The deadline for the **October Messenger** is **Monday, September 21st** Articles can be emailed to Ginger Jansson at tgjansson@gmail.com. If you know of someone who would like the newsletter emailed to them, please have them send me or the office their email address.



150th Celebration News

Greetings from your 150th Celebration committee. Our Ad Council has been meeting weekly to establish the criteria for resuming services which will have started again by the time this newsletter is received. We offer our thanks for all the hard work that they have put into this process.

We have already “rocketed” into the future of the church with our streamed Sunday services and with everyone working to make the future a success we will call our job nearly complete.

My thanks to all those who have served on this committee and assisted in the celebrations we were able to complete. The events we were able to have were a success because of the members of the committee and the members of this congregation. Please continue your prayers as our messages shift from celebration to items from the history files or stories from our longtime members.

The 150th Celebration Committee, Raylene Shively Co-Chair



United Methodist Women News



Greetings from your Leadership Team. As we begin to return to normal activities and the church has resumed Sunday services and group meetings, we will consider ways to begin meeting. Our members are not all equipped to do virtual meetings (including some of the leaders), so we will need to get more creative in our approach to getting back together. Please watch for updates and let any officer know if you have ideas on how to get back together.

September will begin with our group serving Abundant Life and the challenge of following the required guidelines set by the state and the ones established by Abundant Life as they continue to provide meals to those who need them. Your Leaders have already been planning for this in cooperation with Local and Global leaders. Keep us in your prayers as we continue this ministry.

The current totals for “Pennies for Mission” are \$86.17 for 2020 and \$2,140.34 since our start in 2015. Thanks for your support of this project.

As we continue our prayers and regular donations to United Methodist Women, we continue to support our organization from anywhere at any time. Now is the time to send your pledge to our treasurer if you are not current.

Notable dates from the Prayer calendar for September are:

- September 7 - Labor Day;
- September 18-20 Rosh Hashanah;
- September 23 - First Day of Fall;
- September 27-28 - Yom Kippur.

As we keep these in our prayers, please add a reminder to your calendar that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. We also ask that you keep your church leaders and United Methodist Women leaders in your prayers.



Update from Habitat

So far, \$94,122.99 was donated at the Virtual Breakfast held in July. This will be matched, dollar for dollar, by Dick Monfort and provide homes for two more deserving families.

Habitat is now safely welcoming Faith Partner volunteers. FUMC will not be organizing a work day at this time, but volunteers are welcome Tuesday through Friday. Call the Habitat office for more information.

Notes from our Church Family

These notes and well wishes are from some of the members of our church:

“Thank you for continuing FUMC through on-line worship. To all the staff involved – thank you. The services and music have been awesome. Sione’s services has brought peace and hope during the COVID19 and now the horrible death of George Floyd. God Bless.”



“Looking forward to distance but live service. Hope everyone is well, Prayers to all.”

“Hope everyone is doing well. Blessings and big hugs to everyone.”

“Thanks for emails! I’m doing well.”

“Hello! Hope all’s going well! Thanks for all the church is doing for us, Love and prayers.” “Willard calls on Sunday and says he’s doing well”

From Trustees

Even though the building has been closed, Mike Villanueva our maintenance guy, has been working with the Trustees to keep the building up and running and in good shape in our absence. Here are some of the extra projects:

All carpets in the building have been cleaned and shampooed.

Hard floor surfaces have been stripped and waxed.

Walls and classrooms on the third floor are getting a new coat of paint.

Common areas have been and will continue to be sanitized.

Work on ceiling repair in the Sanctuary hallway and 312.

New curtains for the Parlor have been chosen and ordered.

New benches are being installed in the playground area (Eagle scout project).

Thanks to everyone who helped keep our building and grounds in good shape during this time.





Phone Ministry

The church has been exploring additional options to help us stay connected with our church family during this time of social distancing. FUMC has become aware of a service that would not require internet or Facebook. This phone ministry would allow members to call in and listen to the worship service at any time during the week at no charge to you. This would be the same service we have on Sunday morning for in-person worship as well as stream live on Facebook.

We would like some feedback from you. Is this something you might be interested in using? Please call the church office at 970-353-5522 and let us know what you think.



Dear Church Family,

For the past 2 months the Administrative Council along with guidance from the Conference office has been working to create a set of guidelines to follow when we re-launch our in-person worship services. These guidelines are now in place and the Ad Council has chosen August 16th as our first in-person service.

We are including a copy of the guidelines with this letter.

What do you need to know? Please know that Pastor Sione, FUMC staff and Ad Council have been working hard to create a safe environment for our return. The Sanctuary, restrooms and other spaces used by FUMC members, staff and community groups have been deep cleaned and sanitized. Hand sanitizing stations have been set up for use of those wishing to enter the building.

What do you need to do? In order to keep social distance, seating in our worship services will be limited to only 50 persons. We ask that you make a reservation during the week to save a spot. Please call Kathy at 970-353-5522.

On Sunday mornings, you can park in the parking lot as usual. Please plan on wearing a mask the entire time you are in the building. An usher will greet you at the door, take your temperature and assist you to your assigned location. After the worship service the ushers will dismiss the congregation to help keep social distancing. This procedure is similar to what is done at funerals.

The worship services may change from time to time as we keep informed on Covid-19 cases in our community. We will continue to update the congregation on these changes. Our hope is that as time goes by, we will be able to add additional seating but know we are always keeping the health and safety of our church family in mind. We will continue to live-stream our services for those wishing to wait to return at a later date. **The in-person worship service will at 10AM.**

Please call the church office if you have any questions about this letter or the enclosed guidelines.

Administrative Council
FUMC, Greeley



Worship Services

Sunday morning worship is at 10AM. Please remember to call the church office between Monday and Friday to reserve a spot. We are limited to 50 in worship. Please park in the parking lot and enter the building through the West Narthex. Thank You

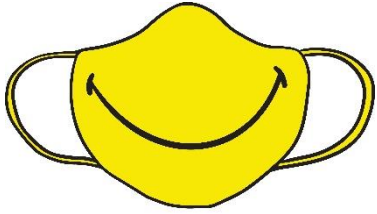
First United Methodist Church, Greeley Colorado Re-launch Church Guidelines and Worship Guidelines

The following guidelines are set for the purpose of re-launching worship services at First United Methodist Church, as well as opening the building for community groups to use. These guidelines cover preparations of the building, expectations and responsibilities of staff, volunteers, worshippers, and other building users. Before meeting together our community must have a 14-day reduction of COVID cases, and the go-ahead from the Mountain Sky Conference officials.

Building preparations

1. Sanctuary will be sanitized with UV lighting and wiping down. Sanitation stations have been put in areas throughout the church. Deep cleaning will occur in all areas. Restrooms on the first floor will be used primarily so as not to have people throughout the building. Other restrooms will be taped off to discourage their use. The elevator is off-limits except when necessary, in which case assistance will be provided.
2. The church will supply masks, sanitizers, and non-contact thermometers to be used by those entering the building.
3. Gloves will be available for Ushers, Communion helpers and anyone else wishing to use them.
4. Water fountains will be turned off and covered. Water bottles will be available for those needing water.
5. The Sanctuary will be set up to assure social distancing in seating as well as entering and exiting. Hymnals, Bibles, Kleenex boxes, etc will be removed from the pews to avoid transference of germs.
6. Reservation protocol will be in place for those wishing to attend worship services.
7. Ushers will be trained in seating and assisting people to aid in social distancing. Ushers will always wear masks and gloves.
8. Ushers will be trained in handling offering in a safe manner. Worshippers will be encouraged to contribute on-line or mail checks. Offering stations will be set for those wishing to donate after the worship service.
9. Masks will be required. The church will have masks available in case people do not have one.
10. Communion servers will be trained in handling and passing out individual communion kits.
11. The Sanctuary AC filtration system will be upgraded to hospital grade filters. If this can not take place the AC system will be turned off during the worship services.

As you come in for worship or building use

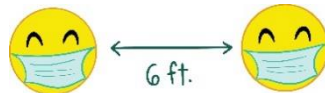


**FACE MASK
REQUIRED**

1. Reservations **MUST** be made before coming to worship. Seating is limited to provide adequate social distancing.
2. A mask is always required when you are in the building. If you do not have one, one will be provided for you.
3. Your temperature will be taken using a non-contact thermometer. (If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you have a temperature, you will be asked to leave.)
4. An usher will take you to your seating area which will be preselected according to the social distancing seating diagram.
5. No offering plates will be passed, so please place your offering in the plate stationed in the back of the sanctuary, mail your offering, or use our online payment process.

During worship

1. Please sit in your assigned seating to help keep social distancing.
2. Worship services will be simple: No liturgy, no congregational singing and no physical passing of the Peace of Christ will be done to avoid spreading COVID 19.
3. Children will not be coming forward to a children's message. The church will be incorporating activities in the pew.
4. If you start feeling ill during the service, go to the narthex and speak to an usher.
5. On Communion Sundays: Communion will be served using individual communion kits.



**THANK
YOU**

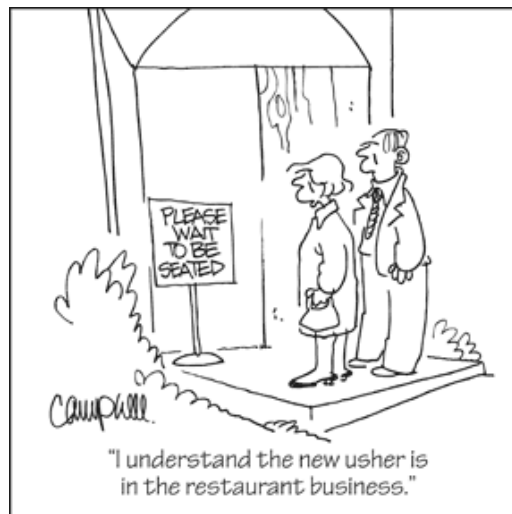
FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING!

Exiting after worship

1. If you received anything on paper, please leave it in the trash or recycle receptacle to avoid spreading germs.
2. Avoid "hugging," even though this will be extremely hard because we love each other.
3. We are sorry we will not be having coffee time, food, or donuts for now.

Small Group Meetings

1. Groups will be given the "church use guidelines" and must submit procedures the group will follow to stay within those guidelines.
2. Register your group with Kathy Trevino, office manager, before your gathering. This will be to protect all and make sure the room will be sanitized completely before you meet. Please stay in your designated area of the church building.
3. A FUMC staff member will be at the door to let your group in and out of the building.
4. Masks **MUST ALWAYS** be worn while you are in the building.
5. Keep a record of all who are at your gathering in case we need to do contact tracing.
6. Sanitize, clean, and disinfect any touched surfaces before leaving.





*For you,
O Lord,
are my
hope.*

PSALM 71:5